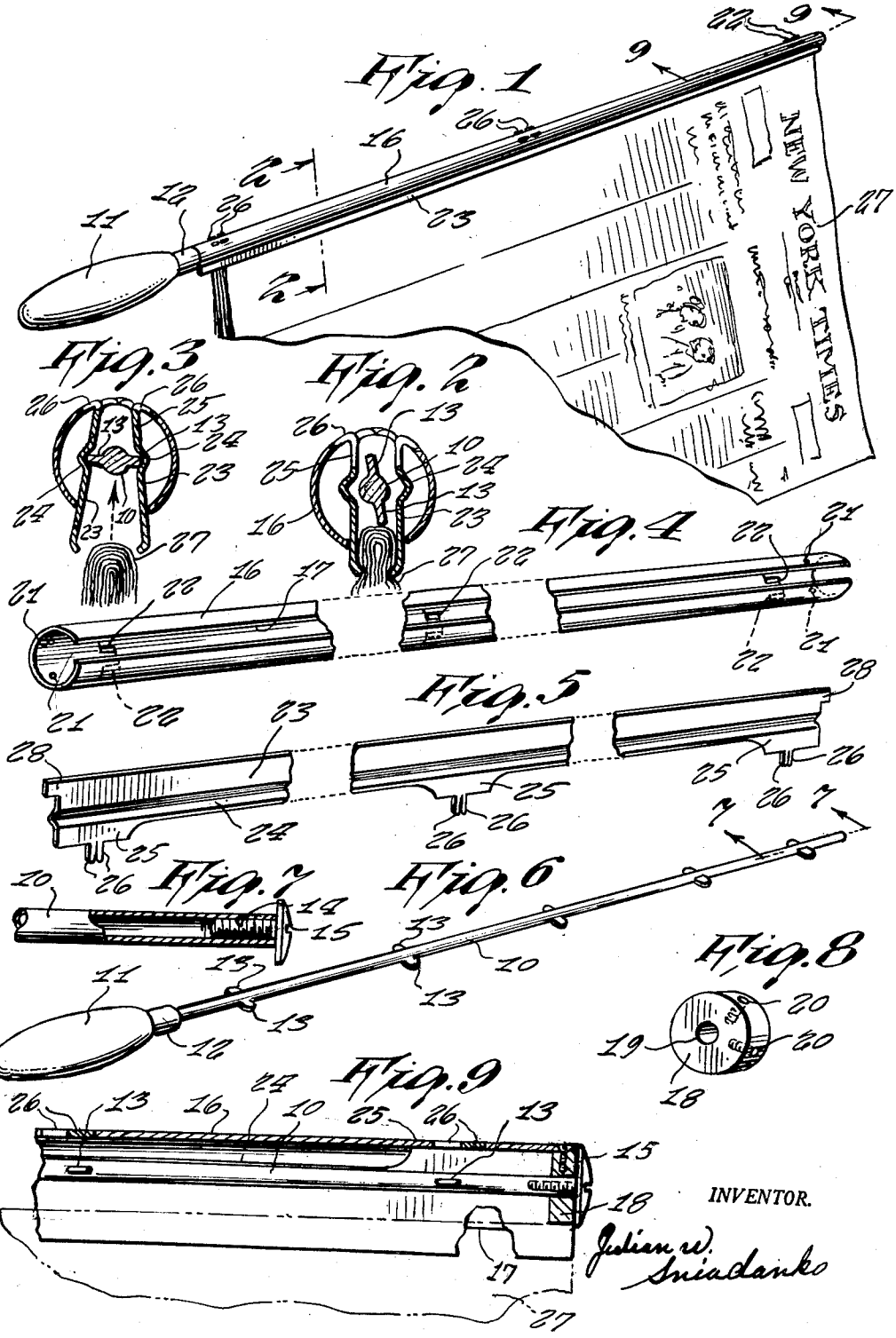
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This invention relates to newspaper holders.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a newspaper holder which will find use in the home or in public libraries and which will mount therewithin a newspaper in a removable manner.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a newspaper holder of the above type into which a newspaper may be inserted or withdrawn with a minimum of ease and which will eliminate the annoyance frequently encountered at the separation or slipping of the pages of newspapers in conventional holders.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide a newspaper holder of the above type which will combine a firm grip of the newspaper with lightweight and facility of ease of inserting or removing the newspaper.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a newspaper holder having the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, has a minimum number of parts, is inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in operation.

For other objects and a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention shown in operative use in supporting a newspaper;

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view thereof taken along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and showing the newspaper securely retained within the device;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the newspaper released;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view shown partly broken away of the hollow, cylindrical spring forming a part of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view shown partly broken away of one of the retaining members;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view shown alone of the rod and handle for releasing the newspaper retaining members;

Fig. 7 is a vertical sectional view taken along the line 7—7 of Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of one of the bearing discs forming another part of the invention; and

Fig. 9 is a sectional view shown partly in elevation taken along the line 9—9 of Fig. 1.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, and more particularly to Fig. 6, 10 represents an elongated length of tubing to one of which is secured a wooden handle 11 by means of a collar 12, the tubing 10 being integrally formed with the laterally aligned, longitudinally spaced wings 13, substantially as illustrated. The end of the tube 10 remote from the handle 11 is internally threaded and is closed by the externally threaded stud 14 (Fig. 7) having the slotted head or end 15.

The tubing 10 is rotatably mounted within a hollow, elongated cylindrical spring 16 having the longitudinal split portion 17 which permits its expansion and contraction in a manner which will hereinafter become clear. The tubing 10 is mounted within the ends of the spring 16 by means of the bearing discs 18 having the bearing openings 19 which rotatably mount the tubing 10, the discs 18 being mounted in the opposite ends of the spring 16 by means of the angularly spaced, internally threaded openings 20, corresponding openings 21 provided in the ends of the spring 16 and screws passing through the openings 21 and threaded into the internally threaded openings 20. It will be noted that the bearing discs 18, thus mounted, serve to retain the spring 16 in the relationship of Fig. 2.

The spring 16 is provided with the laterally aligned pairs of longitudinally spaced slots 22 for a purpose which will hereinafter become clear.

A pair of elongated bars 23 are provided with the outwardly struck grooved portions 24 extending substantially the length thereof. Each of the bars 23 is integrally formed wtih the lateral extensions 25 longitudinally spaced apart which terminate in the pairs of lugs 26 integral therewith and which pass upwardly through the slots 22 of the spring 16 and which are then bent outwardly at right angles (Fig. 9) to form a permanent connection between the bars 23 and the spring 16. It will be noted that the portion of the bars 23 remote from the lugs 26 extends outwardly in laterally spaced relationship to each other through the slots 17 of the spring and are adapted to retain therebetween a newspaper 27 in frictional engagement due to the tension of the spring 16.

However, upon rotating the handle 11 and the tubular member 10 therewith, the wings 13 will be rotated into the grooves 24 to force the bars 23 apart (Fig. 3) carrying therewith the spring 16, and to release the newspaper 27 with a minimum of effort. Another newspaper may then be inserted and upon further rotation of the handle 11 and tubular portion 10 (Fig. 2) the newspaper will be securely retained between the bars 23 under the spring action of the spring 16. The bars 23 at opposite ends are integrally formed with the extensions 28 which abut the bearing discs 18 (Fig. 9).

The holder may be made in two sizes, for both home and library use.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claim.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A newspaper holder comprising an elongated hollow, substantially cylindrical spring, said spring being split longitudinally from end to end on one side, a pair of elongated bars secured along adjacent longitudinal edges in laterally spaced relationship to the inside of said spring at the side thereof remote from the open edges, said blades extending outwardly through said split portion of said spring whereby to secure the newspaper folded edge therebetween under the action of said edges of said spring, an elongated rod disposed concentrically within said spring, a handle secured to one end of said rod externally of said spring for rotating said rod, a pair of discs secured within opposite ends of said spring said discs having central openings rotatably mounting said rod therewithin, said rod being provided with oppositely disposed pairs of longitudinally spaced wings extending outwardly therefrom, said blades having oppositely disposed, longitudinally extending grooves on their inner faces adapted to receive said wings therewithin upon rotation of said handle and rod whereby to spread said blades and to release the newspaper and upon further rotation to permit said blades to be drawn together by said spring to retain the newspaper, each of said blades

being integrally formed with laterally extending, longitudinally spaced extensions which terminate in spaced lugs, said spring being formed with pairs of laterally spaced longitudinally spaced slots receiving said lugs therethrough, said lugs being bent outwardly onto said spring whereby to secure said blades to said spring and to permit their movement towards and away from each other upon rotation of said handle.

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